

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 321****HOUSE BILL NO. 1546**

**By Representatives Rowe, Cooper, Lois DeBerry, Larry Turner, John DeBerry, Towns, Armstrong, Ulysses Jones, Hardaway**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1426**

**By Senators Marrero, Flinn, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to alternative routes to diplomas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. On or before January 1, 2008, the state board of education, in consultation with the commissioner of education, shall report in writing to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives concerning the feasibility of developing alternative paths to high school diplomas for students who do not pass mandatory Gateway examinations. The board shall address a variety of alternative paths, which shall include, but not be limited to, substituting ACT scores for Gateway examinations, creation of an alternative evaluation tool, a waiver and appeals process, and providing bonus points on the Gateway examinations for attaining certain course grades.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 14, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 31st day of May 2007**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR